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Memorandum

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To: Child and Adult Care Food Program Daycare Centers

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Subject: Special Initiative to Provide Funding for Daycare Projects in Rural Areas

The Department of Education (ADE) and the USDA Rural Development Community Programs are pleased to offer an excellent grant opportunity to daycare centers operating with CACFP. Grant funds of up to \$50,000 are available through a Special Initiative in collaboration with USDA Community Programs to aid in the new development or improvement of eligible daycare centers. The USDA Community Programs provides loans and grants to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population

In order to meet eligibility criteria, the daycare facility must be owned by a broadly based Corporation operated on a not for profit basis, or be a Public Body or Federally recognized Indian Tribe. Private Sole Proprietorships are not eligible.

The amount of financial assistance for project costs depends upon the median household income and the population of the community where the project is located. Grant funding can supply up to 75% of the proposed costs of the daycare projects. **The balance must be matched by the eligible applicant.**

To be considered for grant funding an application must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development office by March 1, 2006. For applications, eligibility determination and more information please contact Joel Trachtenberg, Community Facility Specialist, or Debra Stewart, Community Program Specialist, at 602-280-8745 or Dustin Melton at 602-364-0141, or [dmelton@ade.az.gov](mailto:dmelton@ade.az.gov).

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